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Letter dated 15 December 1993 from the Permanent Representatives of Canada, France, the United States of America and Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text, in three languages, of the Statement of Conclusions adopted at the meeting of the four "Friends of Haiti", which was held in Paris on 13 and 14 December 1993 (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of this Statement of Conclusions circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 31, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement of conclusions adopted by the Meeting of the Friends of Haiti, held in Paris on 13 and 14 December 1993

Representatives of the Friends of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the question of Haiti (Canada, France, the United States of America and Venezuela) met in Paris on 13 and 14 December in the presence of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Dante Caputo, in order to examine the situation in Haiti and confer on how to ensure the return to constitutional legality in that country.

On this occasion, they heard the Prime Minister of Haiti, Mr. Malval, explain his proposals of 6 December for a national conference and give his views on the evolution of his country. They expressed their gratitude to him for having contributed to the success of their work and welcomed strongly the fact that Mr. Malval will remain acting Prime Minister until his successor has been appointed in accordance with the Haitian Constitution.

They agreed on the following:

1. The process as defined by the Governors Island Agreement, which provides for the return of President Aristide, constitutes the only viable framework for Haiti to emerge from the crisis and to lead to the establishment of a State under the rule of law guaranteeing freedom, security and human rights for all.

2. It is the task of the Haitian parties to work out the procedures and political arrangements required to bring about compliance by both sides with their obligations under the Governors Island Agreement and the broader objective of national reconciliation it envisions. The Friends are committed to facilitate this essential task. Mr. Malval's ideas about a national conference offer a practical way to address this issue.

3. The Friends remind both signatories of their obligation under the Governors Island Agreement to implement their commitments related to points 5 (c) to 9 of this accord. In accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council, they consider that the sanctions should be suspended only when the military authorities in Haiti have:

(a) Created the proper environment for the deployment of the United Nations police and military cooperation mission;

(b) Created the proper environment in which legislative actions called for in the Governors Island Agreement can be taken;

(c) Facilitated the changes in the leadership of the police and military called for in the Governors Island Agreement;

(d) Created the proper environment for the return of the democratically elected President and maintenance of constitutional order.

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The Friends recognize that the successful completion of some of the steps provided for in the Governors Island Agreement requires the active cooperation of parties other than the Haitian military authorities. The sanctions adopted by the Security Council are based solely on the failure of the Haitian military authorities thus far to fulfil their commitments. Accordingly, should the Haitian military in good faith take all necessary action within its capacities to bring about the fulfilment of the Governors Island Agreement, as outlined above, the sanctions should be suspended regardless of the actions of other parties. However, should the Haitian military fail to act in good faith to fulfil its obligations, the sanctions should be maintained regardless of the compliance of the other parties.

4. If the military fails to comply with its obligations, the Security Council should meet to consider additional measures, including making the embargo already applied by the Organization of American States universal and mandatory, applying further sanctions against the main supporters of the military authorities and banning non-commercial flights into and out of Haiti. They welcome additional national measures to support this objective.

5. A high-level mission from the Friends including military officers, shall travel to Haiti to transmit this message of resolute determination to the Haitian military authorities.

6. The Friends are determined to ensure the full respect of the present sanctions arrangements. They welcome the continuation of the international cooperation for naval enforcement of the present measures and note the special situation of the Dominican Republic; they offer their availability to assist this country to ensure that the sanctions are fully respected.

7. The Friends have decided to intensify their cooperation to deter the use of the Haitian territory by international drug traffickers.

8. Aware of the suffering of the Haitian people caused by the continued intransigence of the military, the Friends are committed to continue to provide and intensify their humanitarian aid to people in need and urge the international community to join their efforts.

9. They call for the redeployment of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti as soon as conditions permit.

10. The Friends call for the establishment by the United Nations of an active communication campaign, which would include a study for the establishment of a radio station directed at promoting democracy in Haiti.

11. The Friends thank the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary General of the Organization of American States and their special envoy, Mr. Dante Caputo, for their untiring efforts and reaffirm their full support to them.

12. The Friends will inform President Aristide of their positions.

13. The Friends shall meet as required, at ministerial level if necessary.